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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNAVIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)

HM-621

First Named Inventor: Bernd Schubert, et al.Art Unit: 1793Application Number: 10/534,240Examiner: Scott R. KastlerFiled: October 24, 2005

Title:

VESSEL FOR THE METALLURGICAL TREATMEN OF PIG IRON, STEEL MELTS AND....

Attention: Office of Petitions

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee.
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Other than small entity – fee \$ 130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of _____ (identify the type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on _____

☐ is enclosed herewith.

B The issue fee of \$ 1,810.00

☐ has been filed previously on _____

☒ is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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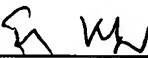
3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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 _____ Signature	06/25/2009 _____ Date
Friedrich Kueffner _____ Typed or printed name	29,482 _____ Registration Number, if applicable
317 Madison Avenue, Suite 910 _____ Address	212-986-3114 _____ Telephone Number
New York, N.Y., 10017 _____ Address	

- Enclosure ☒ Fee Payment
- ☐ Reply
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
- ☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay
- ☒ PTOL-85b (in duplicate)

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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.



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Signature

Date

Friedrich Kueffner

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

The undersigned Attorney hereby states that the above-identified application became abandoned because of unavoidable delay.

The Issue Fee was submitted on April 28, 2009 in the amount of \$ 1,810.00. The fee was to be charged to the undersigned Attorney's credit card account number xxxx xxxx 6543. At that time, this card had been used many times for charging fees to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for a period of at least 1 year. Sufficient funds were available in the account to cover the Issue Fee.

However, the credit card company implemented a "random computer generated system" which periodically withholds payments from seven to ten days. This system is implemented, according to information provided by employees of the credit card company on the telephone, if multiple payments are made to the account each month instead of once a month, and when large payment amounts are involved.

As a result, the credit card company did not make the funds available to the USPTO because of the implementation of the system mentioned above.

The implementation of this system was entirely unexpected because the undersigned Attorney had previously made multiple payments to the credit card company over several months and also substantial payment amounts had been charged to the credit card company previously.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the entire delay in submitting the Issue Fee was unavoidable.

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed.)